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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

Barendse et al.

Serial No. 09/089,871

Examiner: Delia M. Ramirez

Filed: June 4, 1998

Group Art Unit: 1652

Title: High-Activity Phytase
Compositions

REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED JUNE 13, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 13, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the patent application identified above in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the claims:

Please amend claims 18, 19, 31, 34 and 40 as follows.

18. (Five Times Amended) A phytase-containing granulate prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a non-fibrous solid carrier comprising at least 15% (w/w) of an edible carbohydrate polymer;